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**In re Application of:**

VERKAART et al.

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For: APPARATUS FOR THE STERILE  
TRANSFER OF FLUIDS

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Examiner: SIEFKE, Samuel P.

RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

**SIR:**

In response to the office action of August 20, 2003, please amend the above noted application as follows:

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